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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Mouth of the Columbia River Rehabilitation/Repair of the North and South Jetties Clatsop County, Oregon and Pacific County, Washington

CENWP-PM-E-04-05

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Expiration Date: August 9, 2004

30 Day Notice

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, proposes to rehabilitate/repair portions of the North and South Jetties at the Mouth of the Columbia River (MCR). The South Jetty and North Jetty at the Mouth of the Columbia River were constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s to secure the Federal navigation channel through the ocean entrance to the Columbia River. Both jetties have experienced damage to jetty heads and along the jetties at several locations. The purpose of the action is to rehabilitate and repair critical trunk portions of the North and South Jetties. This action is necessary to prevent further deterioration and subsequent breaching of the jetties. The Corps recommends major rehabilitation/repair of portions of both North and South Jetties at the MCR.

Due to funding constraints, only the most severe areas will be repaired in the immediate future with the remaining components of the major rehabilitation to follow when funding becomes available. The immediate proposed work will be referred to as “repair” and the long term proposed work will be referred to as “rehabilitation”. Emergency action may also become necessary if either jetty breaches prior to the proposed repairs.

The proposed rehabilitation would occur along an 8,000 foot-long reach of the South Jetty (stations 220+00 to 300+00) and a 4,000 foot-long reach of the North Jetty (stations 40+00 to 80+00) as shown in figures attached to the EA. The rehabilitation work would require placement of approximately 200,000 to 300,000 tons of stone along the North Jetty and 300,000 to 500,000 tons along the South Jetty. The total amount of stone to be placed for the repairs is 30,000 tons on the North Jetty and 40,000 tons on the South Jetty. The total stone to date placed on the South and North Jetty is 8.7 and 3.3 million tons, respectively.

Environmental Documents: A draft Environmental Assessment addressing the impacts associated with the activity is enclosed for public review and comment.

State Water Quality Certification: State Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act is required from both the states of Washington and Oregon. A 404(b)(1) evaluation has been completed and is attached to this public notice. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Washington Department of Ecology’s public notices are also attached.

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972: Consistency determinations have been prepared and submitted to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Washington Department of Ecology for concurrence. A State of Oregon public notice and Washington Department of Ecology public notice are enclosed for Coastal Zone are attached.

Reviewers: In an attempt to expedite the circulation of the Environmental Assessment (EA), the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Washington's Department of Ecology (WDOE) have decided to combine their processes for Coastal Zone Consistency Determination (CZM) and Water Quality (WQ) on this Public Notice (see attached).

Public comments pertaining to Oregon and Washington's Water Quality and Coastal Zone should be directed to the points of contacts identified in the attached state public notices.

Additional Information and Comments: Any questions regarding the enclosed environmental documents or public comments on the Corps' EA, should be directed to Marci E. Cook, Environmental Resources Branch, telephone (503) 808-4765, via e-mail at marci.e.cook@usace.army.mil or at the address below. Comments on this notice must be mailed by the above closing date to:

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In your response, please refer to the above public notice number, title and date.

Should no response be received postmarked by the above closing date, a "no comment" response will be assumed.